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CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption expenditure has declined in rural areas as pointed out in the National Human Development report 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the action plan of the Government to improve the consumption expenditure of rural people ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SH MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : No, Sir. The National Human Development Report 2001 has pointed out that theconsumption expenditure in the rural areas has increased steadily between the years 1983 and 2000.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The Government has introduced specific targetted programmes forsupplementing the incomes of the various segments of rural poor. It also provides foodgrains to them at subsidized rates which improve their consumption levels.

Under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana(SGRY), 5 Kilo Gram (kg) per person per day is provided as part of wages. Targetted public distribution system provides foodgrains at subsidized rates to the poor people. Moreover Antodaya Anna Yojana(AAY) has been introduced to provide 25 kg. of foodgrains per family to one crore poorest of the poor in rural areas at highly subsidized rates i.e. Rs. 2 per kg. for wheat and Rs.3 kg. for rice. The quantity of foodgrains under AAY has been further increased to 35 kg. per family and 50 lakh more families would be covered under the scheme.